

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A motor vehicle seat comprising:

a seat back with a seat back support,

a head support attached to the seat back support by a connection element,

~~the head support defining~~ an impact plate that is positioned on a side of the head support facing a vehicle passenger with a basically flat area assuring secure retention of a head of a vehicle passenger during an accident, and

an element aligned in the seat back, the element having a base facing the vehicle passenger, an upper side flank, extending from an upper end of the base, having a first hole therein that receives the connection element, a lower side flank, extending from a lower end of the base, having a second hole therein that receives the connection element, and an open side oriented away from the vehicle passenger to an area behind the motor vehicle seat,

wherein the impact plate is positioned for limited swivel movement around a horizontal swivel axis so as to guarantee two-dimensional contact between the head of the vehicle passenger and the impact plate during the accident, and

wherein the swivel axis of the impact plate is positioned in the vicinity of the contact of the head of the vehicle passenger on the impact plate.

17. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 16, wherein said swivel movement is limited to a 15 degree range.

18. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 16, wherein the connection element is curved.

19. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 18, wherein a radius of the connection element and alignment of the connection element relative to the seat back support is selected so that, independent of the position of the seat back as well as the head support, the head support provides a support of the head in a forward deployed position in relation to an upper body of the vehicle passenger.

20. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 16, wherein the element aligned in the seat back is a transverse ~~traverse~~ member with a U-shaped profile.

21. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 20, wherein the base is longer than the upper and lower side flanks.

22. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 21, wherein the transverse ~~traverse~~ member has a pair of first holes and a pair of second holes for a pair of said connection elements.

23. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 22, wherein the holes have at least one guide bushing.

24. (Currently amended) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 20, wherein areas of the transverse ~~traverse~~ member facing sides of the seat back are inclined to the front.

25. (New) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 16, wherein the impact plate is plastic.

26. (New) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 25, wherein the impact plate is overlaid with covering material that matches an interior of a vehicle in which the motor vehicle seat is located.

27. (New) The motor vehicle seat according to Claim 16, wherein the impact plate resists penetration of the head into the head support upon contact of the head with said side of the head support.